

## House Resolution No. 738

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a servant of the Lord; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend Dr. Harold J. Butler, a treasured resident of St. Louis, Missouri, is celebrating his Tenth Anniversary as Pastor of the Northern Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, a graduate of the Western Baptist Bible College in Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. Butler and continued his education at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Religion, Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky, and Glad Tidings Bible College in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, a pastor for thirty-eight years, Dr. Butler is the newly elected President of the Missionary Baptist State Congress of Christian Education of Missouri and serves as Campus Dean of the St. Louis branch of Western Baptist Bible College; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Butler is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri and the Mt. Carmel Baptist District Association, of which he has served as Moderator; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Butler has been abundantly blessed with the love and support of his devoted wife of thirty-five years, Marva F. Butler, a graduate of Western Baptist Bible College who has glorified the Lord as a Missionary Jounreyman trainee, instructor of the Ministers' Wives Division of the Missionary Baptist State Congress of Christian Education, Bible Study leader, and Young Adult Sunday School teacher; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Butler is the proud father of two beautiful daughters, Marvetta Lynn, a Band Director at Lowery Middle School in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, and Victoria Anne, a senior at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dr. Butler as he celebrates ten years of exceptional service to the Northern Missionary Baptist Church, and in wishing him and his congregation only the very best as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Reverend Dr. Harold J. Butler, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Betty L. Thompson  
District No. 72

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 738, adopted March 7, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker